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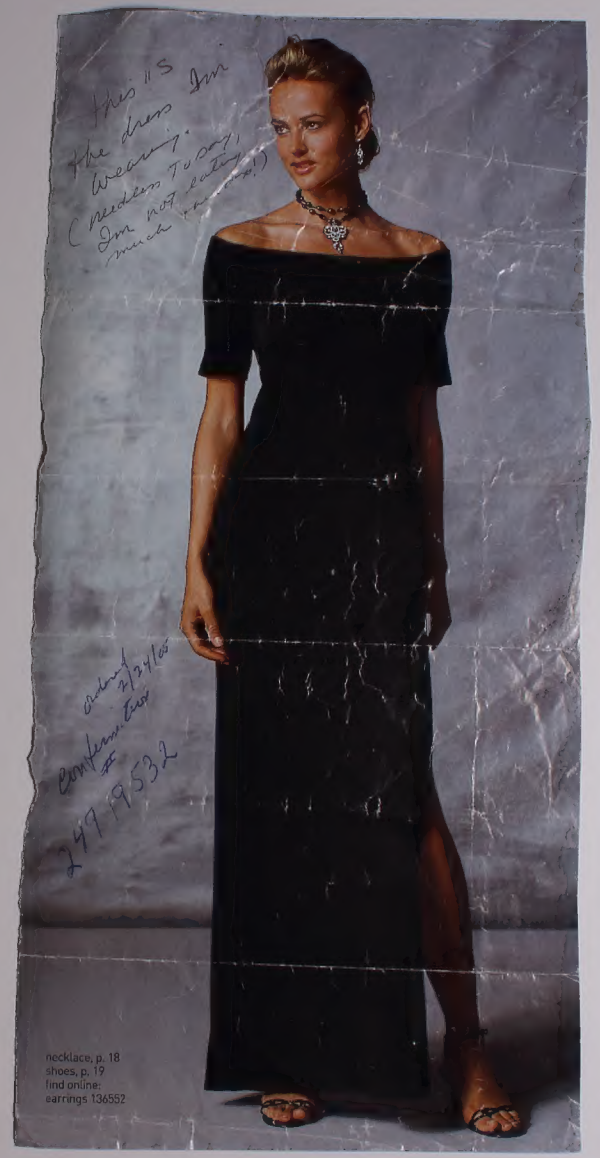
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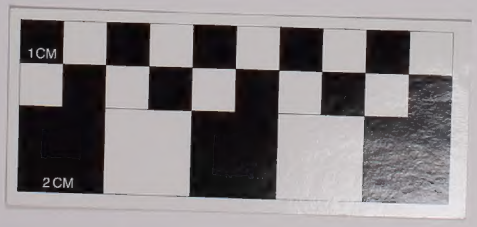
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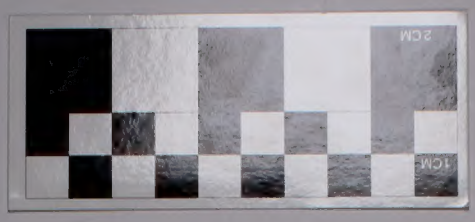

City of Arcadia

Office of the City Manager

William R. Kelly
City Manager

March 22, 2005

Mrs. Floretta Lauber
1225 Oaklawn Road
Arcadia, California 91006

Dear Floretta,

Congratulations on being honored as the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Your participation and involvement with the Chamber and the City has been most commendable, and the award is certainly well deserved.

I wanted to let you know that all of the extra work you have put forth on behalf of the community is very much appreciated. It is only through the efforts of dedicated individuals such as yourself that Arcadia is able to maintain its reputation as a *premier community of homes.* I would like to attend the dinner on April 1st to personally congratulate you, but unfortunately I will be out of town on that date and will not be able to attend. Again, congratulations!

With best regards,

William R. Kelly
City Manager

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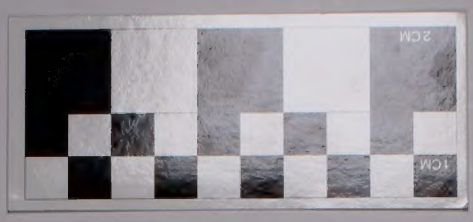


SOME BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING F. LAUBER, SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

ONE YEAR ON THE ARCADIA PERSONNEL BOARD

8 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS ON THE ARCADIA PLANNING COMMISSION,[FIRST WOMEN] ALSO SERVED AS CHAIR.

TWO YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PLANNING COUNCIL. REPRESENTING 15 SURROUNDNG COMMUNITIES.

SERVED ON THE COMMITTEES TO WRITE THE FIRST ARCADIA GENERAL PLAN ALSO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN.

FIRST WOMEN ELECTED TO THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCL. AND SERVED AS THE FIRST WOMEN MAYOR.

SERVED ON CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO ALLOW THE SANTA ANITA MALL.AMIST GREAT CONTROVERSY.

SERVED ON C.O.PS.COMMITTEE, [APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCILMAN] TO BUILD THE NEW POLICE STATION.

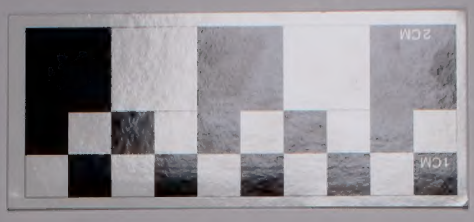
AS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CHAIR, FOR THE ARCADIA WOMANS CLUB,INSTIGATED AND SINGLY TOOK CHARGE OF" THE ENTRANCE MONUMENTS" WHICH HELD 15 SERVICE CLUBS INSIGNIAS.BEING BUILT. THIS INCLUDED, HAVING BLUEPRNTS DRAWN AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR APPROVAL.

AS COUNCLWOMEN, ALONG WITH A SENOR NAMED JOHN JOSEPH,WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR "THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION" BEING FORMED

WAS CHAIR OF "CIVIC DAY", FOR 10 YEARS. A PROGRAM HOSTED BY THE WOMANS CLUB, WHICH INCLUDED AS GUESTS ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE CITY AND ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS. THIS INCLUDED THE SCHOOL BOARD. THE PROGRAMS WERE ALWAYS CITY ORIENTED WORKING WITH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.[DRUG PROGRAMS K-9 DOGS ETC.

LIFE MEMBER OF THE ARCADIA LIBRARY--METHODIST HOSPITAL--ARCADIA HISTORCAL SOCIETY. WORKED WITH THE P.T.A.FOR YEARS , CHILDHOOD CANCER, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, ARCADIA RED CROSS,SUPPORTS THE CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL ARCADIA THRIFT SHOP,LOCAL CHURCHS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY COORDDINATING COMMITTEE, FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE



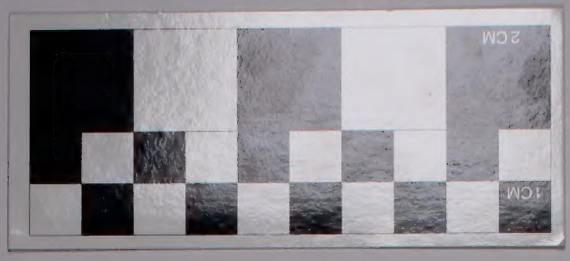
CHAIRED SPECIAL LUNCHEON, FOR DIGNATARIES FOR THE DIAMOND JUBLEE. RECIEVED A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AS MAYOR,CONCEIVED AND CHAIRED, THE FIRST AND ONLY," MAYORS BALL"FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.

WORKING WITH THE VISISTING NURSES ASSOCIATON OF PASDENA, CO-FOUNDED THE ALPHA AUXILIARY, FOR HOME HEALTH CARE, NOW AFFILIATED WITH THE METHODIST HOSPITAL AND WAS CHARTER PRESIDENT FOR TWO YEARS.

AS PRESIDNT OF THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,WORKED WTH THE CITY ON THE NEW MUSEUM BUILDING. WAS EMCEE OF THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

HAS BEEN THE PRIME FUNDRAISER FOR THE WOMANS CLUB OF ARCADIA, FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IS A 43 YEAR MEMBER.



VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR F. LAUBER 2004.

#1 AVERAGES 12 TO 15 HOURS A WEEK AS AN UNPAID VOLUNTEER FOR THE CORE MEDIA,WRITING A FULL PAGE. ATTENDS MOST CITY, CIVIC AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS[MANY OVER WEEKENDS] TAKES PICTURES AND GETS THEM DEVELOPED. TYPES COPY AND SENDS TO OFFICE.SHE HAS FAITHFULY DONE THIS FOR 8 YEARS, BECAUSE OF HER STRONG BELIEVE, THAT LOCAL CLUBS AND CITIZENS HAVE A VOICE IN THE COMMUNITYAND BE RECOGNIZED.ALSO COVERS , PASADENA, SIERRA MADRE AND SOME MONROVIA. SHE PAYS FOR ALL HER EQUIPMENT.EXCEPT FILM.

#2 IS SERVING AS CHAIR, OF ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION.

#3 ORGANIZED AND SECURED INSTRUCTOR, FOR "50 PLUS" SPECIAL DANCE CLASS AT RECREATION CENTER.

#4 CHAIRED A SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER, TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL WOMAN'S CLUB[CLUBHOUSE] BUILT IN 1930.

#5 SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARCADIAWOMAN'S CLUB[43 YEAR MEMBER]

#6 DOES PUBLICITY FOR METHODIST HOSPITAL'S SPECIAL EVENTS

#7 SUPPORTS THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY[IS A PAST PRESIDNT AND 6 YEAR BOARD MEMBER]

#8 SERVED ON THE CITIES CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION DINNER COMMITTEE.

#9 SUPPORTS, ATTENDED FUNCTIONS, AND DID PUBLICITY FOR: PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE FOR THE ARTS, SHAKESPHERE CLUB AND THEIR PERFORMANCES AND CHARITIES, PASADENA JR. LEAGUE, WHICH HAS MEMBERS FROM ALL LOCAL COMMUNITIES.CHILDRENS GUILD,PASADENA SYMPHONY, ALPHA AUXILIARY OF METHODIST HOSPITAL[FOUNDER AND CHARTER PRESIDENT] ARCADIA HOST LIONS CLUB[IS AN HONORY MEMBER]
MEMBER OF THE THE METHODIST HOSPITAL AUXILARY[35YEARS], ALTRUSA SERVICE CLUB,[AN HONORARY MEMBER], SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL.

#10 ORGANIZED A RETIREMENT LUNCHEON, FOR LONG TIME CITY EMPLOYEE CINDY FLORES, [ASSISTANT.CITY MANAGER] WITH FORMER MAYORS.

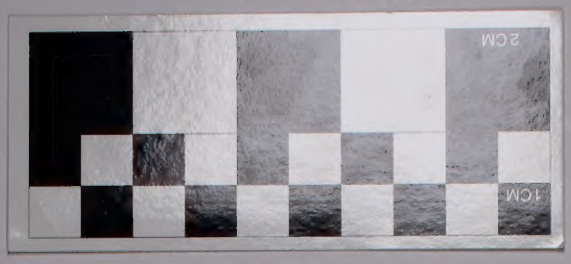


Table 10 STAFF

10 Table 11 State Farm

10 Table 12 Meth Hosp Diane + Chris Bode, Margie Hughes, Jonathan Specher, Mary Dougherty, Tabitha Heinken, Arlin + Bob Luke, Jack Spalding + Hazel Williams

Table 13 Coe Media Terry Miller, Mary Kilred, Tracy

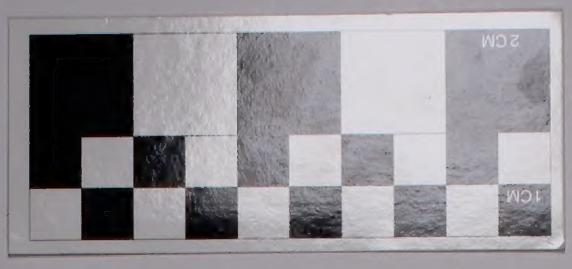
10 Table 14 (Elks)
? Charlene + Chuck Gellman ? Rex + Quinta Donlinger Roberta
? Jean De Sivestri ? Nancy + Clif Morrison Rick Fisher (2)

10 Table 15 (Women's Club - Mickey Harbur) Mary Martinotti
Mickey Harbur Ginny Donohoe Donna Osgood Ruth Hawkins
Virginia Holzer Mag Craig Nadine McKeon Micky Ball
Carmen Thibault

10 Table 16 Historical Society
8 Jim + Barb Kuhn, Stromsoe, (McCrea 2)
Joanne + Mike Broviac Marvey Hackley, Mickey + Ben Coland

Table 17 Lions Meisch (2) M + C Sawyer (2) Ron Ben Street (2) Geo Taylor (2
Peter Ulrich (2)

Table 18 Marla Fields (2)



ARCADIA CHAMBER INSTALLATION DINNER
& CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

10 **Table 1** Florretta Lauber — Mr + Mrs Pelletier
Maynard Diamond — Laurence Lauber
Gary + Barbara Kovacic — Sandy Irwin
Dr + Mrs Wm. White

10 **Table 2** Jim Helms — M+M Lew Pollard — Ann Kidd
Jim + Marg Barrows — M+M Gilb
M+M Segal

+ **Table 3** Lions — Christine Aragon, Brovelli(2) Chapman, Cions, L. Goldstein, Gutierrez(2) Hubbard(2)

+1 10 * **Table 4** Bd of D — Tawaz Elqassi(2), Don Kennedy(2) Shimizu (2)
D. Mountjoy, H. Romero Shaw (2) P. Siberell — Don Penman.

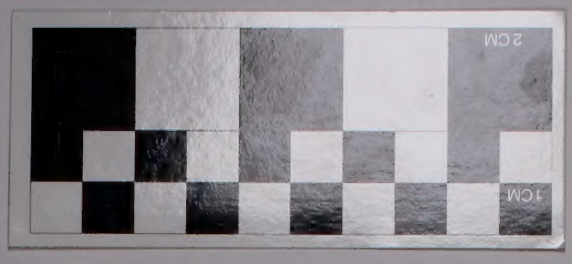
+1 10 **Table 5** Nikki + John Porretta, Mary Hansen, Carol + Hal Libby, Gail Marshall, Monty Lindsey, Geo Fascling, Margett, ~~Meyer~~ Zimmerman

10 **Table 6** Russ Garside, Ingrid, Shane – Carol + Jimmy Chie, Joyce Tyger, Don + Debbie Penman, Steve + Marge Garrett

Table 7 Methodist Hosp — Dennis + Carolyn Lee, Diane + Craig Lucas, T + Sue Francis, Lynn Ingram, Tim Bojeczko, Laura Lueke, Jay Havill

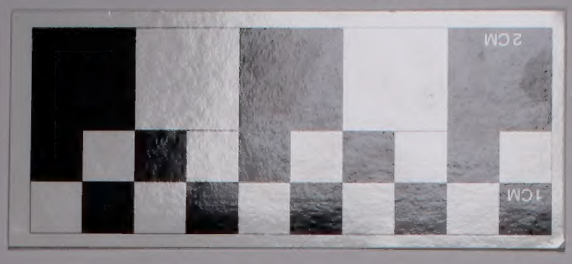
9 10 **Table 8** 16 Dorothy's Table / Alpha
Dorothy Cunningham, Gail Wong, Polly Schmitz, ~~Fagan~~ ~~Jones~~, Erlinda D'Grazio, Ellen Johenk, Dr + Joyce Getzen, Mari + Bill Schmidt

10 **Table 9** Bd of D — Amy Reed(2), D. Berry, Roberts(4) ~~K Zimmerman~~, J Von Bulow
Mejia Velasquez(2)



Installation & Award Dinner - April 1, 2005

Name	Food	Amount Due	Corp. Sponsor
Arcadia Elks(10)	8C 2F		
TABLE# Charlene/Chuck Gillmann, Jean De Divestri, Rex/Quinta Donlinger, Nancy/Clif Morrison Rich-Fisher(2) Roberta			
Askin, Sandy			
Aragon, Christine ✓	C		Lions Club
Baird, Helen	F		
15 Ball, Mickey ✓	F		
2 Barrows, Margaret & Jim ✓	F F		Historical Society
9 Berry, Debbie ✓			
Bickford, Darlene	F		
Bode, Diane & Chris ✓			Methodist Hospital
Bojeczko, Tim ✓			Methodist Hospital
Bradvica, Joanne & Mike ✓	C F		Historical Society
Brovelli, (2) ✓	C F		Lions Club
~~12 Brucker, Meredith~~	~~F~~		
Buttice, Mary	C		
Chapman, Dianne ✓	C		Lions Club
Cheng, Susan	F		State Farm
Chie, Carol & Jimmy ✓	C C		
Corcoran, Kathleen	F		
Costanza, Beth & Angelo	C F		
15 Craig, Mae ✓	F		



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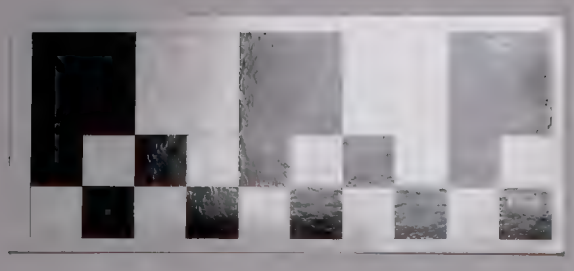
	Cunningham, Dorothy			
	D'Grazio, Erline	V	$45	
	Davis, Robert (2)	C C		
	Deck, Corwin(2)	C F		
17	Dougherty, Mary			
15	Donohoe, Virginia			
	Elmasri, Fawaz	F	$40	
	Fasching, George	F		
	Fay, Marie	C		
	Feghali, Joseph & Sheila	F C		
	Fields, Marla & Alex	F F		
	Fransis, T. & Sue			Methodist Hospital
	Galati, Leslye	C		(with Tony Smith)
	Garrett, Steve & Marge	F F	$40 (1 Comp)	
	Garside, Russ, Ingrid, Shane	C C C		
	Getzen, Jim(2)	C C		
2	Gilb, Ruth & Charles	F C		
	Giors,	C		Lions Club
	Goland, Mickey & Ben	CC		Historical Society
	Goldstone, Nate	F		Lions Club
	Gutierrez, Steve & Patty	C C		Lions Club
	Hackley, Marny	F		Historical Society
	Hammonds, Lee	F		

TABLE *

5	Hansen, Mary	✓	C		
15	Harbur, Mikey	✓	F		
	Harris, Phyllis		C		State Farm
	Havill, Jay	✓			Methodist Hospital
15	Hawkins, Ruth	✓	F		
2	Helms, Jim	✓	C		
	Henken, Tabitha	✓	F		
	Hennessy, Mimi	✓	F		
15	Holzer, Virginia	✓	F		
	Hsieh, Jennifer		V		State Farm
	Huang, Helen		F		State Farm
	Hubbard, Eileen & Vern	✓	F F		Lions Club
	Hughes, Margie	✓			Methodist Hospital
	Humble, Jim		C		
	Hunter, Richard (2)	✓	C F		
	Ingram, Lynn				Methodist Hospital
1	Irwim, Sandy	✓	F		
	Johenk, Ellen	✓		$40	
	Kennedy, Don(2)	✓	C C		
2	Kidd, Ann	✓	F		
1	Kovacic, Gary & Barbara	✓	C F		
	Kratzer, Traci		C		(Core Media)
	Kuhn, Jim & Barbara	✓	V F	$40	Historical Society
1	Lauber, Floretta	2 ✓ Diamond			



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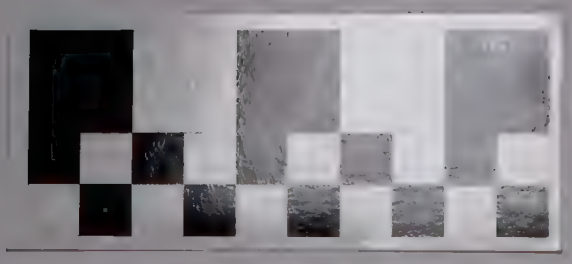
1	Lauber, Lawrence	F		
	Lee, Dennis & Carolyn			Methodist Hospital
5	Libby, Carol & Hal	C F		
5	Lindsey, Monty			
	Liu, Lisa	C		State Farm
	Lo, Anya	F		State Farm
	Lucas, Craig & Diane	C F		
	Lueke, Laura			Methodist Hospital
12	Luke, Ann(2)	C F		
5	Margett, Bob	Not Eating		
5	Marshall, Gail			
15	Martinetti, Mary	F		
19	McClain, Chris & John	C F	~~$60~~ pd VISA	
	McCrea, Jane & Jack	C F		Historical Society
15	McKeown, Nadine	C		
	Meisch, (2)	C C		Lions Club
6	Mejia, Brian	V	$40	Supervisor Antonvich
	Miller, Terry	V		(Core Media)
4	Mountjoy, Dennis	Not Eating		
15	Osgood, Donna	C		
1	Pelletier, Steve(2)	C F		
6	Penman, Don & Debbie	C C		
	Plunkett, Patricia	F		



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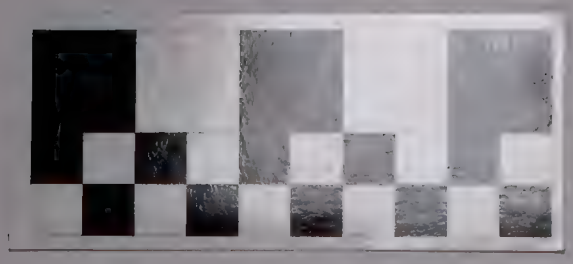
2	Pollard, Lew & Joy	F F		
5	Porretta, Mikki & John			
	Poston, Richard			
9	Reed, Amy(2)	F F		
	Richerd, Mary	C		(Core Media)
9	Roberto, Dan, Judy, Craig, Christine	F F F C		
	Romero Shaw, Helen (2)			
	Sawyer, Marvin & Carol	F F		Lions Club
	Schmitt, Marie & Bill	C C		
	Schmutz, Polly	V		
2	Segal, Mickey & Lee	C F		Former Mayor ~~Historical Society~~
	Shimmin, Jan & Lee	F C		
4	Siberell, Pete		$40	
	Siriani, Samy & Christine	C F		
	Sparling, Jack			(with Hazel Williams)
	Smith, Tony	F		(with Leslye Galati)
	Sporleder, Janet	F		
	Sprecher, Jonathan			Methodist Hospital
	Street, (2)	C F		Lions Club
	Stromsoe, Gil	F		Historical Society
	Swenson, Don & Lauragene	F F		
	Tay, Sho		$40	
	Taylor,(2)	C V		Lions Club



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15	Thibault, Carmen ✓	F		
	Timphony, Scarlet		$40	
	Trabbie, Anthony	C		
	Tsaur, Michelle	F		State Farm
	Tseng, Joseph	C		State Farm
	Tyger, Joyce ✓			
	Ulrich, Peter (2) ✓	C F		Lions Club
	Velasquez, Ellen & Adrian ✓	C F		
9	Von Bulow, Jack ✓	F	$40	
	Wen, Lynn	F	$500	State Farm
	White, William & Patricia ✓	V F		
	Whitenack, Joan & Ray	V V		
	Wilbur, Bonnie & Fred	F F		
	William, Hazel ✓			(with Jack Sparling)
	Wong, Gail ✓	F		
	Wong, Sophie	F		State Farm
9	Zimmerman, Kevin ✓	C		
	Zonver, Fran ✓		$40	

City of Arcadia

Gary A. Kovacic
Mayor

January 10, 2005

Nominating Committee
Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
388 W. Huntington Drive
Arcadia, California 91007

Re: Nomination of Floretta K. Lauber
Citizen of the Year for 2004

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I give my highest recommendation to Floretta K. Lauber in connection with her nomination as Arcadia's Citizen of the Year for 2004. I have known Floretta for many years and I can say without reservation that she is very deserving of the Chamber's recognition. My recommendation is based in part on the following:

Floretta currently serves on the City's Historical Museum Commission. She is extremely conscientious in her duties and consistently displays a genuine care and concern for the history of our community and the many volunteers who help to preserve that history. As a long-time member and supporter of the Arcadia Historical Society, Floretta has been able to create a strong bond between the City, the Society, and the greater community that has resulted in a cooperative and effective program to gather, preserve, and display Arcadia's historical documents and artifacts.

Floretta has also played a major personal role in Arcadia's history. In an era when women had to fight for equal opportunities, Floretta was a successful Arcadia businesswoman and community leader. She was the first woman elected to the Arcadia City Council and the City's first woman mayor, serving the City with distinction, integrity, and foresight. The City and the region still benefit significantly from the vision exhibited by Floretta and her colleagues on the City Council.

Floretta's continuing commitment to Arcadia is further reflected by her involvement with local organizations such as the Arcadia Woman's Club and the Arcadia Assistance League. In these organizations, as well as in all of her other endeavors, Floretta is not satisfied with just "putting in the time." She gladly accepts the important leadership positions that are critical to making a difference in our community. She also donates her time and considerable talent to local newspapers as a regular reporter of Arcadia news, events, and personalities.

In summary, Floretta is one of Arcadia's treasures. She has always placed the needs and concerns of our community ahead of her own. I think of Floretta when I think of caring and concerned volunteers. Floretta would obviously take great pride in receiving the Chamber's recognition, and the Chamber and City would be equally proud to have Floretta as its Citizen of the Year.

Very truly yours,

Gary A. Kovacic

GARY A. KOVACIC
Mayor

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January 14, 2005

Nominating Committee
Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
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Re: Nomination of Floretta K. Lauber
Citizen of the Year for 2004

Dear Friends,

We wish to add our personal recommendation of Floretta K. Lauber for Citizen of the Year for 2004. We have always considered her a true pioneer in Arcadia.

Though we have not known Floretta as long as many others, we have watched in recent years as she helped the Arcadia Historical Society negotiate the transition from independent museum operations to a position of supporting a museum operated under the auspices of the City of Arcadia. During the time the Society was preparing for this transition Floretta was President of its Board of Directors. She helped negotiate various aspects of this transition with the City. As the transition was occurring she was never afraid to ask the hard questions to make sure that she and everyone else understood the ramifications of the actions being taken.

The following year in her position as Immediate Past President she envisioned an event that would not only raise money for the Society, but also bring a broader segment of the community in to visit the museum. We called this "The Fandango". It became a large undertaking, larger than most of us had expected, mostly through Floretta's vision. She did most of the publicity for this event herself. It was a success even though we did not raise any money. All those who attended had a wonderful time. They toured the museum, ate and danced, saw vintage automobiles, purchased things from various craftsmen, and learned something about the Californios of the mid 1800s.

She was also appointed to the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission when it was formed. She currently serves as its chairman and has worked with this body to write the Museum's mission statement as well as the various policies that are necessary for the operation of such a museum.

Very truly yours,

JIM BARROWS
MARGARET BARROWS
Citizens of the Year 2003

ARCADIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Citizen of the Year
2004 Service Award

Do you know an outstanding, hard-working person who should be honored for his/her efforts toward the betterment of the community? Nominations of worthy individuals are now being accepted at the Chamber of Commerce. Please include a brief explanation with your nomination; you may use the back of this form if needed. Supporting letters may also be included.

A panel of judges from outside Arcadia will select the winner based on the information you provide, so please be sure it is complete. The Judges' decision will be final. The winner will be honored at the Chamber's Installation of Officers and Citizen of the Year Awards dinner on Friday, April 1, 2005 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel.

Nominees will be evaluated using the following criteria:
~ Must be a resident of Arcadia
~ Makes contributions to the welfare and betterment of Arcadia
~ Participates in other community and civic enterprises outside of Arcadia
~ Shows a spirit of cooperation with organizations and other individuals

Nominee's Name **Floretta Lauber** Ph# **626-355-6945**

Address **P.O. Box 661675 Arcadia, California 91066**

Submitted by **William R. Kelly, City Manager** Ph# **626-574-5401**

Address **240 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California**

Explanation

Floretta Lauber needs to recognized for outstanding achievement relative to her efforts for the City's historical preservation programs. Floretta, a long time member of the Historical Society and now a member of the Historical Museum Commission, has done much to ensure that the historical significance of Arcadia's past is recorded, recognized and brought forward constantly to the public's attention. Being the first woman on the City Council and the first woman Mayor, she continues to provide service to the City of Arcadia and it's citizens on an ongoing basis.

Return completed form to the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, February 4, 2005.
388 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia 91007
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arcadiac@pacbell.net / bonniejw@pacbell.net

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Citizen of the Year
2004 Service Award

February 2-2005

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Address 1225 Oaklawn Arcadia, CA 91006

Submitted by Ruth V. & Charles E. Gilb Ph# 626) 355-4295

Address 940 Singingwood Drive Arcadia, CA 91006

Explanation- The undersigned have known our nominee, Floretta Lauber, for over 40 years. During that **ENTIRE** time period, she has been involved in what is best for Arcadia and its citizens. In 1974 she was the first woman elected to the City Council and in 1976 she was the first woman selected to be Mayor. She has been extremely involved in the Arcadia Women's Club for over 40 years and is not only past President, but the catalyst in keeping that organization going. She has been a driving force in keeping records of Arcadia's history and after many years on the board of the historical society, she is a member and current chairman of the Arcadia Historical Commission. She is also a founding member of (over)

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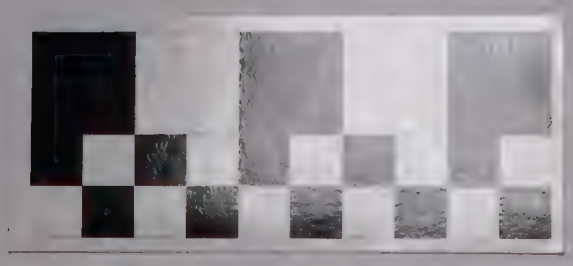

Altrusa.

The attached papers will show you what she is currently doing and you will see she has not only been active for the past 40 years, but it continues to this day.

Without hesitation, we wholeheartedly endorse Floretta Lauber to be selected Citizen of the Year for Arcadia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Gilb

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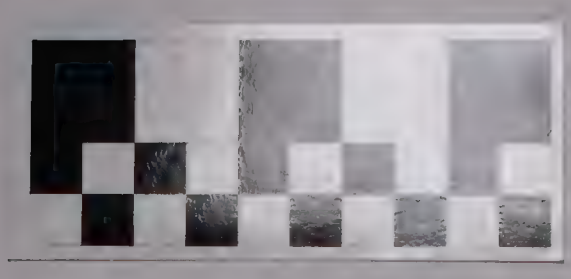

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Address P.O. Box 661675, Arcadia, CA 91066

Submitted by Dennis M. Lee Ph# (626) 574-3600

Address Methodist Hospital, 300 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007

Explanation-
Floretta is a long standing supporter and Auxiliary at Methodist Hospital. As a member of our Auxiliary, she has participated in our Holiday Homes Tour, one of our large fund raisers for the hospital. She is also one of the founders of The Alpha Auxiliary, a philanthropic group that raises money to support home health services in our community. This group has also helped the hospital on some of our capital projects. Finally, she has helped the hospital get our message out to the community through her Newspaper Articles. She is a generous and dedicated member of our community and quite deserving of Citizen of the Year. She is also a strong community leader.

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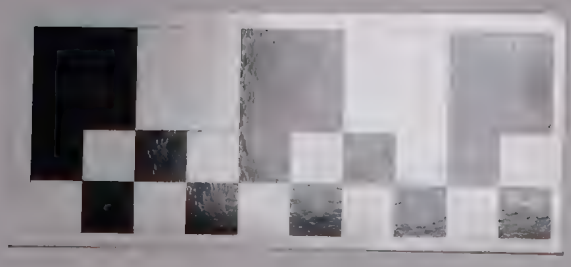

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Please accept my nomination
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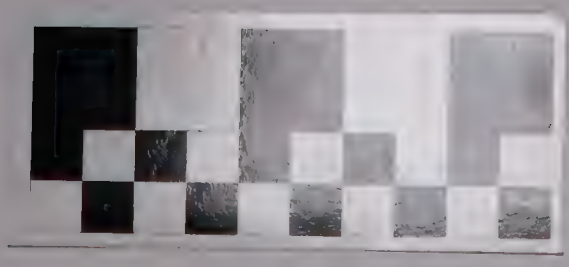
Barry Fasching



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Submitted by Rowena Weiler Ph# (626) 447-4584

Address 476 Los Altos, Arcadia, CA 91007

Explanation Foretta has been an inspiration and hard worker for the Woman's Club of Arcadia. Without her support and direction we would not have been able to survive. We definitely feel she deserves this award.
Lonnie Acord
Ruth Hawkins
Nadine McKeown

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Explanation My association with Foretta Lauber has been with the Womans' Club of Arcadia, the Womans' Club has been a positive force in the Community since its inception. It has been in the forefront of many of the community projects in Arcadia and Foretta as Pres in 1965 and member through the years continues to support and promote the community and its projects

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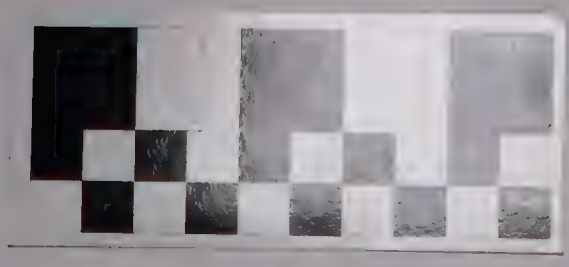

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Address ~~476 Los Altos, Arcadia, CA 91007~~ 635 Edgeview Dr. S.M.

Explanation Foretta Lauber has been a very conscientious and dedicated lady in working to maintain a good quality of life for the residents of Arcadia. Her unselfish devotion of time and energy to many projects such as assisting Arcadia Methodist Hospital + in civic affairs as Mayor and supporting activities.

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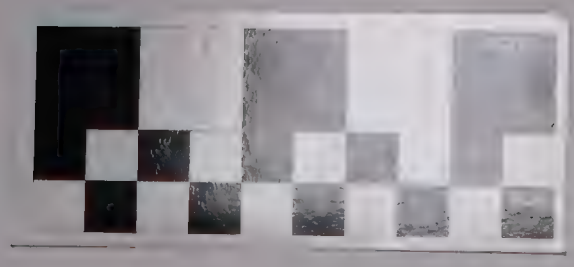

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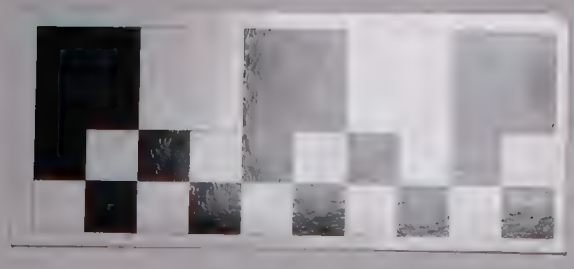


Arcadia Host Lions Club
P. O. Box 660571
Arcadia, CA 91066

Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
Nominating Committee
388 West Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007

RE: Recommendation for Nomination of Floretta Lauber
For Citizen of the Year 2004

Dear Committee,

The Arcadia Host Lions Club would like to recommend fellow Lion Floretta Lauber for the Citizen of the Year Award of 2004. Floretta is a true Arcadian based on her many involvements over the years, which have been an asset to the community. She has been the first female mayor of Arcadia and deeply involved with the historical society, as well as many other activities, such as the writer and photographer of the Social Whirl for the Arcadia Weekly.

Due to her involvement, Arcadia has benefited greatly as a community that cares about its businesses and citizens. She recognizes the balance that is needed to make a community continue to function in a healthy fashion with the many changes it is faced with daily. Not only does she preserve its past, but welcomes the future through service on a continuous, ongoing basis based on the needs of Arcadia and its citizens.

It is due to her commitment and dedication to the Arcadia community, that she deserves this honor bestowed upon her with community recognition and appreciation.

Sincerely,

George Taylor,
President

Tino Brovelli,
Secretary

Steven Gutierrez,
Public Relations of Community Affairs

Floretta K. Lauber has been one of Arcadia's leading citizens for many years. One of her first accomplishments was being instrumental in organizing Altrusa International of Arcadia in 1959. Altrusa International, Inc. is the first woman's service organization, founded in 1917. Mrs Lauber is currently an Honorary Member.

As a long-time member of the Woman's Club of Arcadia, she served as its president in 1965-66, and has served as the Ways and Means chairman for the past 6 years.

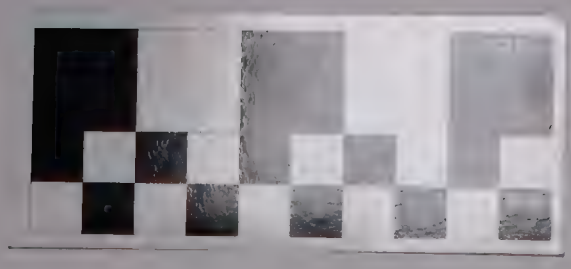
Floretta was a member of the Arcadia Planning Commission in the 1970s and was elected a member of the City Council. She served as Mayor in 1976, the first woman to be so honored.

Alpha Auxiliary was chartered in 1981 with Floretta as its first president. This organization, the first of its kind in the state, raises funds to benefit those in need of home health care.

Today, Floretta serves a chairman of the Arcadia Historical Commission. This commission helps guide the activities and future of the Ruth and Charles Arcadia Historical Museum.

Floretta is an asset to her community, full of enthusiasm and pride for her community.

Carol Libby



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Nominating Committee:

Flouette Lauber has been a major player in Arcadia for over thirty-five years. When city council appointed her to the San Gabriel Valley Planning Commission she equited herself and our community with outstanding service. As Arcadia's first woman mayor she has been an innovative leader and continues to be a spark for communication and cooperation.

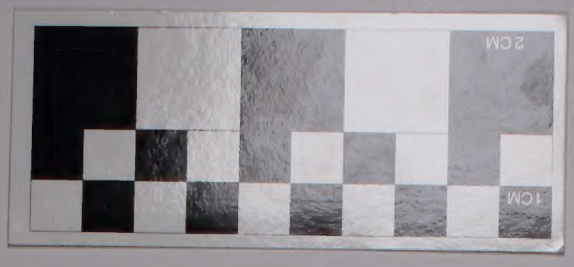
She helped save the Arcadia Woman's Club house, negotiating with the mortgage lenders. She is a past president and many times Ways and Means Chair, raising thousands of dollars for the clubs donations to the community. She has successfully kept the name "Arcadia" visible with the state and national Women's Club Association.

The Arcadia Historical Society and the Hall Museum owe much of its progress and stature to Flouette's service as president and chairman of the board of directors. She is now serving on the Museum Commission with her unique unifying gift.

As an honorary member of Arcadia Alumnae Interclub Council she participates in all its fund raising events.

Flouette is a true Arcadia Heroine, contributing her time, vitality and vision to the growth and enrichment of this city.

Sincerely,
Mary Mickey Ball



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388 W. Huntington Drive
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Re: Citizen of the Year Award

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter as my nomination of Mrs. Floretta Lauber for the Citizen of the Year Award for 2004. Mrs. Lauber holds many distinctions in our city. Foremost among them is that she was the first lady to serve on our city council and the first lady to be mayor of Arcadia.

In the years prior to and following her terms on the city council, she has continued to give of herself in many organizations within the city. I regret that I do not have access to a biography itemizing all of her service. Suffice it to say, there is no one more qualified than Floretta for the Citizen of the Year Award.

Very truly yours,

JAMES R. HELMS, JR.

JRH/cdc

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"It was very gratifying to see that many votes cast in my favor," said Baker. "I appreciate the trust they're placing in me, by electing me to that position."

Rob Hammond retained his seat as mayor for another two-year term, with 2,902 votes, or 80 percent. Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia was re-elected for another four-year term, with 2,618 votes, or 37.4 percent. Also elected to the council with 2,181 votes, or 31.2 percent was Council member Dan Kirby; Kirby was appointed in 2003 to fill the remainder of Hammond's term when he was elected mayor. And City Clerk Linda Proctor, who ran unopposed, retained her position with 3,388 votes.

Some 20.7 percent of the city's registered voters - 3,800 voters - cast their ballots to elect the mayor, two council members, city treasurer and city clerk. The official count of absentee ballots began shortly after the pools closed in a large open room in the back of city hall with a small, but anxious crowd looked on.

Shortly before 9 p.m. the results of the absentee ballots were announced. Ballot numbers were printed and the excitement mounted as City Clerk Proctor walked the results to council chambers and announced them live on KGEM. Precincts workers began to trickle in with their ballot boxes and voting materials about the same

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Monrovia Mayor Rob Hammond, and Council member Joe Garcia, celebrate their re-election at a restaurant on Tuesday night. Council member Dan Kirby and City Clerk Linda Proctor also retained their seats. Steve Baker became the city's new Treasurer. –*Photo by Sahra Susman*

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Festival, Art and Garden Faire Set for Sunday

Sierra Madre's world-famous 111-year-old Wistaria Vine will be open for viewing one day only, Sunday, March 13. There are still tickets available for reservations to ride the shuttle bus to the Vine and back. Tour and Faire hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parking at the Vine is limited; therefore, round-trip shuttle bus rides at $7 each are a must. Children 5 and under are free. Those wishing shuttle tickets should call (626) 306-1150 or contact www.sierramadrechamber.com, immediately.

Viewing of the Vine is free as suggested by the owners of the property on which the famous Vine grows. People who wish to walk will find an uphill climb of about a mile

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Residents take shelter under the gorgeous lavender Wistaria vine in Sierra Madre –*Photo by Terry Miller*

111-year-old Wistaria Vine Has Provocative History

250-ton Vine started as seedling in small nursery can

By PHYLLIS CHAPMAN

Who could have predicted that the planting of a 75-cent can of Wistaria in 1894 would result in years of Wistaria hysteria? Thousands upon thousands come to Sierra Madre to see its lavender loveliness each year and that's why Sierra Madre has been dubbed the "Wistaria City."

This Vine has also been named in the 1990 Guinness *Book of World Records* as the "World's largest flowering plant." Records at the height of bloom state there are 1.5 million blossoms, with 40 blossoms per square foot. It has an estimated weight of 250 tons with

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Floretta Lauber Named Arcadia 'Citizen'

Chamber names 49-year resident to honor

By TRACI KRATZER

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce recently named Floretta Lauber Arcadia Citizen of the Year. The chamber said Lauber remains "dedicated to the city she has called home for the last 49 years."

"I am thrilled to be named the Citizen of the Year," said Lauber. "I have had a 43-year love affair with the city and I enjoy every aspect of my volunteering."

In past years the Arcadia Chamber had given out awards in other categories including Volunteer of the Year; however, for the past couple of years they have decided to continue only with the Citizen of the Year award.

Mikki Porretta, president of the Arcadia Chamber, said Lauber was nominated for the award because she puts forth so much effort and love for the city.

"This award is so long overdo," said Porretta. "Floretta has been volunteering for so many years. She is a pillar of the community."

Candidates who are chosen for the honor demonstrate exceptional volunteer services and are involved in the community, Porretta said.

As a resident of Arcadia since 1956, Lauber has remained actively involved in every aspect of the city's past and present boards and commissions.

"Floretta is most deserving of this recognition," said Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic. "She is one of Arcadia's treasures."

Kovacic added that Lauber has not only worked hard to preserve the history of the city as a member and current chairperson of the

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